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Goliad situation:

In discussion with Phil Dellinger on 8/3/11, I learned the following information regarding the Goliad ISL meeting that EPA Region 6 has been invited to attend. The meeting takes place tomorrow, Aug 4 2011 at the Goliad County Fairgrounds.

About one year ago, a citizen's group met with R6's RA Al Armandiaz regarding concerns about a proposed uranium ISL site in Goliad County, TX.

At that meeting with the RA, R6 agreed to meet informally, but only if/after R6 received an aquifer exemption for the proposed ISL site from the UIC Class III primacy state agency, the TCEQ. The TCEQ recently issued a draft UIC Class III permit and requested EPA action on a proposed aquifer exemption.

On this action, the citizens group invited R6 to a meeting as agreed, and it is scheduled for tomorrow, 8/4/11, beginning at 5:30 PM local time at the Goliad County Fairgrounds.

BUT, the group advertised it as a "EPA Public Hearing" - which it absolutely is not. R6 agreed to attend, voluntarily, the Citizen's Group meeting, but insisted the group do what it can to correct the miscast advertising that it is an EPA meeting (see announcement below). Stacy Dwyer, Phil Dellinger, Jose Torres, and Ray Leissner plan to attend.

R6 has performed a partial review of the request, and has sent the state a letter that the state Aquifer Exemption request had a major deficiency, in that nearby groundwater use by private well owners (including a church-as possible PWS) indicated that the threshold Aquifer Exemption criteria at 146.4(a) - eg, not currently used as a drinking water source - was not met. (NOTE: Phil will send HQ a copy of that letter if wanted)

BACKGROUND:

This area has been of great controversy over the past two to three years. There is past ISL exploration and mining in the area. Past allegations, that improperly plugged exploratory wells allowed aquifer cross contamination and released radium into groundwater, caused the state (TRRC) to change its rules regarding exploration wells.

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Goliad County Drinking Water at Risk - Public Meeting with the EPA

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The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) accepted the invitation from the Goliad County Ground Water Conservation District to hold a public meeting in Goliad on August 4th, 2011 regarding Uranium Energy Corporation's (UEC) request for an aquifer exemption. The meeting will be held at the Julie Wimberly Memorial Homemaking Building located at the Goliad County Fair Grounds, U.S. Hwy 183 South. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 6:00 p.m.

Please plan on attending this important meeting. This is an opportunity for groundwater users in Goliad and adjacent counties to speak or submit written comments addressing the use of the aquifer and on conditions relating to the aquifer.